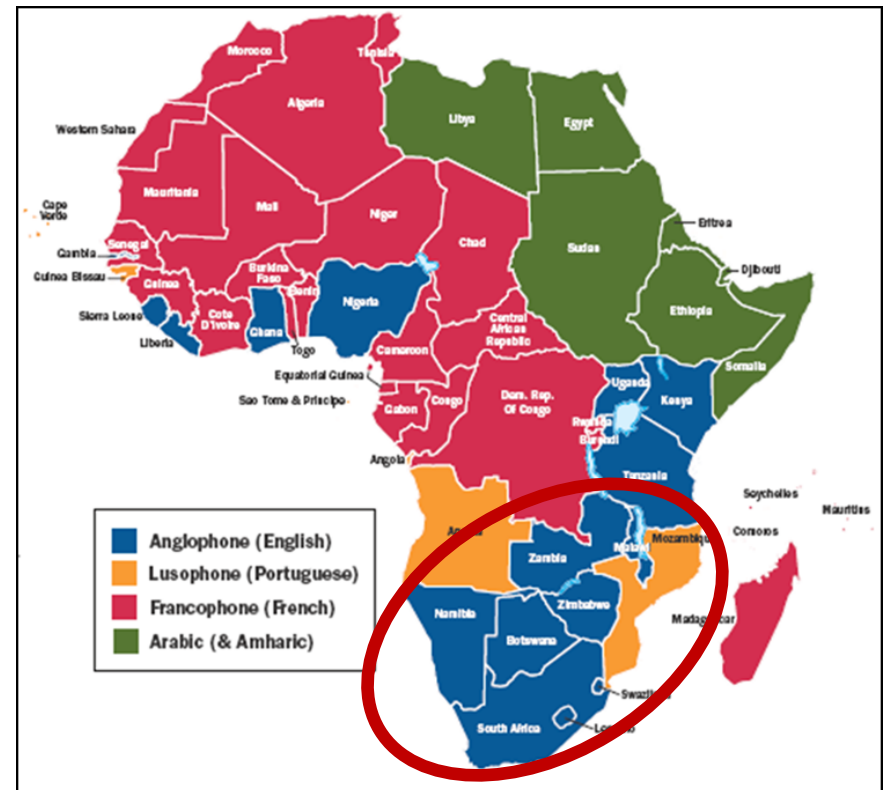


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Input for final discussion round

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# Reminder: cross-cutting issues emerging from panel discussions (1<sup>st</sup> day)

## Role of land governance and

- the future of young generation in rural and in urban areas
- future of agriculture: spectrum between modernized/industrial ↔ peasantry/ subsistence farming
- widening trade-off between urban encroachment and future of rural areas
- “just and fair” **compensation** <sup>1)</sup>
- mainstreaming **climate change**, environmental protection
- lasting controversy: inequality ↔ poverty ↔ redistribution
- rights of (unmarried) **women**
- decentralization, reacting on **local needs**, inclusion
- dealing with **corruption**

<sup>1)</sup> Issues highlighted again in group discussion results

# Addressing selected key challenges from working group presentation

- Improving land information systems (LIS) at all levels
- Acknowledging the continuum character of land rights
- Strengthening the role of education to sensitize on land issues
- Reassuring on the key role of rules as well as incentives
- Assessing the need for land market regulation
- Stressing the importance of participatory processes
- Dealing with urban densification, land-related services

# Seizing major opportunities

- Focusing on a SADC research perspective
- Emphasizing more on SDGs
- Listening to lessons learnt from other African countries
- Embedding research on land policy into broader policy fields
- Developing new types of land-related training and academic courses, including project-based learning
- Enhancing knowledge on taxation/valuation, also in relation to informal settlements with innovative models
- Intensify collaboration of research with CSOs and private sector
- Broadening access of science to external funding
- Qualifying academic staff as precondition for good research
- Identifying/re-assessing future role of NELGA